BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-783-S - ORDER NO. 94-37 $\sqrt{c}$ JANUARY 12, 1994

IN RE: Application of Duke Power Company for ) ORDER Approval to Enter into a Sewer Billing ) APPROVING Agreement with the County of Anderson. ) CONTRACT

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on Duke Power Company's (Duke's) request for approval to enter into a Sewer Billing Agreement with Anderson County (County). Under the terms of the proposed agreement, Duke will bill and collect the sewer service charges for the County which are due by Duke's water customers. In return, the County shall pay Duke a one-time charge of \$25,000 for initiating the sewer billing program, \$1.02 per month per account, any reasonable cost incurred by Duke for services necessary to adjust the sewer charge to reflect the County's new rate, and any amounts paid by Duke upon any claim for acts done in good faith as agent for the County under this contract.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §6-15-80 (1976) and §58-7-40 (1976), upon Commission approval, a governmental body may contract with a private utility for the collection of sewer charges imposed by the governmental body on those persons to whom the private utility furnishes water service. Under the same statutory

<sup>1.</sup> This amount is subject to adjustment.

provisions, the private utility is authorized to disconnect its water service upon failure of the user to pay sewer charges.

The Commission has reviewed the Agreement submitted by Duke.

The Commission finds and concludes that the Agreement should be and is hereby approved. After its execution, Duke shall file a copy of the Agreement with the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

(SEAL)